**Lyrics for Why Does the Sun Shine? (The Sun Is a Mass of Incandescent Gas)**

By They Might Be Giants

The sun is mass of incandescent gas, a gigantic nuclear furnace  
Where hydrogen is built into helium at a temperature of millions of degrees  
Yo ho it's hot, the sun is not a place where we could live  
But here on earth there'd be no life without the light it gives

We need its light, we need its heat, we need its energy  
Without the sun, without a doubt, there'd be no you and me  
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The sun is hot  
It is so hot that everything on it is a gas  
Iron, copper, aluminum and many others  
The sun is large  
If the sun were hollow, a million earths could fit inside  
And yet the sun is still only a middle-sized star

The sun is far away  
About 93,000,000 miles away, and that's why it looks so small  
And even when it's out of sight, the sun shines night and day

The sun gives heat, the sun gives light, the sunlight that we see  
The sunlight comes from our own sun's atomic energy

Scientists have found that the sun is a huge atom-smashing machine  
The heat and light of the sun come from the nuclear reactions  
Of hydrogen,carbon, nitrogen and helium

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